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## ICE FLOE BEARS THREE TO DEATH

Great Ice Bridge at Niagara Falls is Loosened From Its Moorings.

## FOUR ESCAPED TO CANADIAN SIDE

Toronto Woman Falls and Her Husband and Cleveland Youth Remain Behind to Assist Her, thereby Losing Their Lives—Ropes Dropped from Bridge and Youth Made Frantic Efforts to Cling to It, but Strength Gave Out—Husband and Wife in Final Embrace in Face of Death.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., Feb. 4.—The great ice bridge that has choked the river channel between the cataract and the upper steel arch bridge below the falls for the last three weeks broke from its moorings just at noon today and went down the river, taking with it to their death a man and woman, said to be Mr. and Mrs. Elmer H. Haddock, of Toronto, and a Cleveland youth, 17 years old, of Cleveland, O.

### Four Reached Shore Safely.

Four other persons were on the ice at the time, but managed to get ashore in safety. The bridge was considered entirely safe for weeks the great fields of ice had been coming down the river, piling up against the barrier until it was from 50 to 80 feet thick, and under the influence of zero weather, had become firmly anchored to the shore.

### Attracted Many Sightseers.

The jam was about 1,000 feet in length and in some places a quarter of a mile in breadth. For two weeks it had offered safe passage to the hardy, and today a great crowd of excursionists came to view the winter wonder of the city. Had the accident happened an hour later hundreds would have lost their lives, for the crowd was moving down toward Prospect park in the elevator which runs down the cliff to go out upon the ice.

Died in Effort to Save Wife. Somewhere deep in the great watertight tonight the man partially identified as Mr. Stanton, the twice thrust aside, and rescued to remain with his terror-stricken wife, and in the shadow of death—just at the break in the rapid—spurred assistance for himself and his wife. Stanton, who was a man of about 40 years of age, and around his wife a rope, one end of which dangled from the lower steel arch bridge. The lad, Haddock, was cast in the same position as Stanton, turned back on the ice to assist Mr. Stanton, but, too, might have made the shore.

### Others Ran to Canadian Shore.

On the bridge at the time it tore free from the shore and floated down were Monroe Gilbert of this city, Ignatius Roth of Cleveland, Haddock's companion, William Hall, an old riverman who had a share in the bridge, and a Cleveland riverman and an unidentified Italian. Hill in his shack was nearest to the American shore. When he heard the grinding and crashing of the ice he ran at top speed toward the Canadian shore, calling to the others to follow him. Landlord gave them warning that safety lay in that direction. Gilbert and the Italian followed the lead, but the others became confused. By the time they regained their composure the bridge was moving fast down the river.

Mrs. Stanton Dropped or Exhausted. Mr. and Mrs. Stanton started first toward the American shore, but were stopped by a mass of open water. Back they ran again towards the Canadian side, turned about and made for the American side. When hardly more than 50 yards from the rocky shore, Mrs. Stanton fell on her face, utterly spent. "I can't go on, I can't go on," she cried, "I can't go on."

Haddock Helped Her and Lost His Life. At the time the great field of ice, driven onward by a southwest gale and pressed by a jam broken free from its anchorage near the base of the Horseshoe fall, went on breasting the terrible onslaught of the Niagara Falls Power company's tunnel outflow, the mightiest current in all the river, without being broken. When Mrs. Stanton fell her husband strove to get her on her feet again, and then tried to drag her along the ice. He also called to Roth and Haddock, who were nearest, for help. Roth turned back and helped support the woman, and the set coast him his life.

Roth Saved by Landlord. Roth struggled along over the hummocks of ice, getting close to the open stretch of water at the Canadian end of the jam. There were men on the shore ready to give him assistance. Landlord, William Cook and Supt. Harry King of the Ontario Power company. They were stationed at the bottom of the cliff just at the foot of Eastwood street, Niagara Falls, Ont. Roth was afraid to trust himself in the icy water, but Landlord turned back and helped support the woman, and the set coast him his life.

Ice Field Split in Two. After getting Roth safely ashore, the men made an effort to reach the other three on the ice floe. But at a point about 50 yards below the upper steel arch bridge the ice field broke into two great fields. One section went towards the American shore and grounded on a rock near the hydro power house. The other floe with the three helpless human beings on it passed slowly down the river.

Firemen Threw Ropes. Meantime the fire headquarters truck had been called out and a general alarm of fire on the Canadian side called out the men there. They took station with ropes along the shore, but the floe was not beyond their reach. The Niagara avenue firemen were sent to the lower steel arch bridge and there took station with a rope. The Canadian firemen had two ropes down from the cantilever bridge, which is about 300 feet above the other structure.

Floe Splits Again. Just above the old Maid of the Mist landing, a quarter of a mile from the watertight rapids, the floe on which the three were borne broke into two sections, each about 200 feet square, the men and woman on one, Haddock on the other. Haddock, who was in the company in distress as his floe moved clear of the other and, caught in current, raced down the river. The other floe then shot towards the American shore, was caught in an eddy, and whirled about there for about five minutes. This was within sight of the beginning of the rapids and death.

Haddock Clutched Ropes. Haddock saw the ropes dangling from the bridge and made ready to catch one. Very coolly he took off his overcoat and coiled himself on the tossing

## Double Suicide

Ends Romance

MR. AND MRS. NOBLE CAREFULLY PLANNED DEATH.

## ALL GAS COCKS FOUND OPEN

No Note of Explanation Left Behind—Woman Deserted Millionaire Husband to Marry a Young Plumber.

New York, Feb. 4.—Double suicide ended the sensational romance of the former wife of Walter L. Strydom, and Frederick Noble, the young plumber, for the love of whom Mrs. Strydom ran away from her millionaire husband and married. The bodies of Noble and his bride of a month were found in their New York apartments today, asphyxiated.

Many Sensational Features. The mutual agreement to commit suicide, the discovery of its results by Mrs. John White of Washington, D. C., mother of the former Mrs. Strydom, and other features of the case were sensational.

### Found All Doors Barred.

Mrs. White, who has an apartment on Lexington avenue, had her daughter with her last night and she supposed the daughter was staying over night with her. When Mrs. White awoke this morning she found her daughter had fled the house and to learn the reason she hurried to her daughter's home on West Twelfth street in her automobile. She was alarmed when there was no answer to repeated knocks on the door, so she summoned two policemen, who forced an entrance, when they found the door barricaded with chairs and tables. The doors of all the rooms of the large apartment were also locked and barricaded and by the time the party had reached the dining room where the bodies of gas were found, Mrs. White was hysterical.

### Clasped in Each Other's Arms.

On breaking through the next door into the kitchen, the party found Noble and his wife dead on the floor, partly undressed and clasped in each other's arms. A great mass of hair was escaping from five burners of a range. The open jets were also turned on and the heads of the suicides were almost within the range of the flames. A woman in a silk kimono and also lay with Noble's left arm encircled her body. Their faces were close together.

### No Note of Explanation.

Mrs. White, who was the first to see the bodies, shrieked and fainted. She was carried to a physician's office and resuscitated with difficulty. On further investigation the police found every window in the nine-room apartment locked and fastened. When asked to explain the couple's act, but they were fully convinced it was a case of double suicide, and later Coroner Heintzelman said the circumstances left no doubt that such was the case. He said the two had been dead probably three or four hours before found.

### Former Husband Greatly Affected.

A few minutes after the discovery of the bodies, Mrs. Noble's former husband, the millionaire, Walter L. Strydom, was summoned by telephone and arrived quickly in his automobile. He was much affected but he was not allowed to view the woman's body. He relinquished his claim to it and it was given to Mrs. White.

### Knew of No Motive.

Employees at the apartment house said that Strydom frequently visited his divorced wife after her marriage to the young plumber. When asked what he thought the motive for the double suicide was, he said:

### Draw on Former Husband's Account.

Mr. Strydom picked up in the apartment a check for \$10, which he said his former wife told him yesterday she had drawn on his account. He put the check in his pocket.

### Strydom Runs Down Mail Carrier.

Strydom was so unimpressed by the tragedy that later when driving his automobile on Fifth avenue, he ran down Edward Rapaport, a mail carrier. He took the man to the hospital, leaving orders that no postmaster be spared in treating his injuries. It was said the man would recover.

### Cause of Suicide a Mystery.

The reason for the suicides was probably never known. The woman was in her twentieth year. The man was in his thirtieth.

### Couple Quarrelled Friday Night.

According to the superintendent of the apartment house, Noble may have attempted to take his life Friday night. The superintendent told the police that the Nobles were quarrelling and that at night Mrs. Noble told the elevator operator to summon a physician because her husband had attempted suicide.

### NEGRO LYNCHED AND THE CORPSE BURNED.

### Mob Took Culprit from His Guards in Railroad Yard.

Macon, Ga., Feb. 4.—Charles Powell, a negro, who assaulted and robbed a young white woman here last night, was taken from officers and lynched by a mob early today. Previously county officers had sought to prevent the lynching and had removed Powell from the jail about which the mob gathered. Over 100 of the would-be lynchmen were admitted. Then followed a man hunt in which all outgoing trains were watched. Members of the mob used automobiles and overtook the train. The mob took the negro and his guards in the yards of the Georgia Southern and Florida railroad, four miles from the city, the negro having been taken there to board a train for Atlanta. He was tied to a telegraph pole and hundreds of bullets were fired into his body.

At noon today a crowd of several hundred men assembled near the undertakers where the body had been taken, loaded it into a wagon, carried it to the heart of the negro section of the city and burned it. Coal oil soaked the corpse and the pyre and so quickly and quietly was the work done that the police knew nothing of it until the crowd had been notified. The crime of which the negro was accused was the assault and robbery of a young white girl.

### Cotton Steamer Sinks, Crew Saved.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 4.—The British steamer Consola, cotton laden, from Galveston for Hamburg, flame-swept, in a long, futile race for port, sank early today forty miles south of Cape Henry. Her crew of 34 men, refugees on the British steamer Castle Eden, were landed at Newport News.

## Norwich Men Representing Finance, the Law, Commerce, Manufacturing, and Other Interests.



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## Cabled Paragraphs

Berlin, Feb. 4.—The federal council has approved the draft of a new citizenship code which is of great interest to Germans in America.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 4.—A Franco-American syndicate has offered Chaikin-Hain, the vice-president of Manchuria, to purchase the sacred treasures in the palace at Mukden for \$500,000.

Alexandria, Egypt, Feb. 4.—The Egyptian cotton crop is now estimated at not less than 1,000,000 hundredweights. It is expected that the better qualities will be held for higher prices.

Rome, Feb. 4.—A body of Italian pacifists yesterday addressed Signor Craxi, the minister of public instruction, asking him to have Washington's birthday celebrated as a peace day in all the schools of Italy.

Lisbon, Portugal, Feb. 4.—The senate yesterday expressed its agreement with the chamber of deputies in favor of an extension of the state of siege and the trial by military courts of the men arrested in connection with the recent general strike. Over 1,000 persons are still in custody.

## CONDENSED TELEGRAMS

Railway and Street Car Traffic was paralyzed at St. Joseph, Mo., by a drifting snowstorm.

The Death of Otto Kimball, a well-known financier in Boston, occurred Saturday. He was 65 years.

Pacific Coast Cities from San Diego, Cal., to Vancouver, B. C., find themselves confronted with a Chinese long war.

Scarcity of Cavalry and field artillery organizations in the national guard is causing the war department serious concern.

The Army is going to use wax bullets in causing the German navy to produce realism.

No Fewer Than 15,000 Bluejackets are to be added to the German navy by the new naval bill about to be introduced in the reichstag.

Extra Forces of Police Are Required to protect the weavers and cotton mill workers of Manchester, England, who do not belong to the unions.

Great Britain and Russia will shortly advance to Persia another \$2,000,000 in order to relieve the immediate necessities of the Persian government.

For the Second Time This Winter, navigation on the Ohio river between Gallipolis, O., and Pittsburg is suspended because of heavy floes of new ice.

Heavy Snow, Assuming almost the proportions of a blizzard, and five degrees below zero were conditions prevailing throughout Central Iowa Saturday.

Representatives of Coal Operators urged the senate interstate commerce committee to create an interstate trade commission with control over coal mining.

Six Hundred Union Employees of the Rock Island arsenal have voted unanimously to strike in case the government will not install the Taylor shop system at the arsenal.

Dr. John C. Branner, vice president of Leland Stanford, Jr., university, has been presented by the Philadelphia Academy of Science with the Hayden medal for the year 1910.

A Riotous Disturbance Was Caused by foreign strikers at the Lowell Textile company's plant in Billerica, Mass., Saturday. A number of persons were hurt, and five arrests were made.

The Only Music Rendered at the funeral of Prof. W. M. Skinner of Jackson, Mich., a vocalist, was a phonographic record of his own voice, a musical arrangement of Tennyson's poem, "Crossing the Bar."

President Taft has signed a proclamation inviting other nations to participate in the Panama-Pacific international exposition to celebrate the opening of the Panama canal at San Francisco in 1915.

George W. Perkins, in an address before the Traffic club in New York, advocated the creation of a business court, composed of experienced business men, to deal with the corporation and trust question.

Fire Broke Out Early Saturday in a building occupied by the opera house at Cranford, N. J., and spread rapidly to adjoining buildings containing the postoffice and six stores. Damage to the amount of \$100,000 resulted.

Clarence S. Darrow, former chief counsel for the McNamara, pleaded not guilty Saturday to the two indictments charging him with jury bribery. Darrow was ordered to appear February 14, at which time a date for his trial will be set.

## Guilty of Starving a Patient.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 4.—The jury in the case of Mrs. Linda Burdell Hazard, accused in the Kitsap county superior court at Port Orchard, of starving to death Miss Claire Williamson, a wealthy English patient at the Hazard "starvation sanitarium," returned a verdict of manslaughter today.

## Votes to Aid the Strikers

LAWRENCE CENTRAL LABOR UNION TAKES ACTION.

## Robbed Bank For 32 Years

EVIDENCE OF DEFECTIONS BY DEAD TREASURER.

Lawrence, Mass., Feb. 4.—The Central Labor union of this city, which is affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, will enter into the fight for the success of the strike of the more than 15,000 textile mill operatives which has been on for nearly a month under the direction of a rival organization, the Industrial Workers of the World. This action was decided upon late today at a closed meeting of the executive committee of the Central Labor union and representatives of a dozen of the skilled classes of mill operatives, when it was decided to have the U. S. U. try to bring about a settlement of the existing differences in favor of the operatives.

Will Conduct the Strike. In the event of failure to bring about a favorable settlement, the Central Labor union is to enter actively into the conduct of the strike and make the fight for the demands indefinitely. It was said after the meeting that the American Federation of Labor is ready to respond upon call with a formal sanction of the strike and active support.

No Immediate General Strike. When a movement in favor of a general strike in all the mills of the American Woolen company is being considered in places where that corporation has mills, there will be no immediate attempt on the part of the leaders of the strike here to extend it beyond this city.

This was the statement today of William Bates of New Bedford, who has taken up the direction of the strike following the arrest of Joseph J. Elton. Yesterday Mr. Bates said that a meeting of the Federation of the Industrial Workers of the World would be held in Boston today for the purpose of deciding on the matter of extending the strike elsewhere. Today he explained that the meeting of the Industrial Workers of the World had prevented the holding of this meeting, but that it may be called later.

Pauper Funeral Every Day. A large number of investigators along various lines, sociological and economical, have come to Lawrence since the strike began, studying conditions. Mr. Bates' investigation, he says, has developed the fact that there is a pauper burial in Lawrence every other day, and that practically every one out of a mill operative's family. Those deaths represent two per cent. of the city's population, he says, and he claims also that ten per cent. of the mill workers die each year.

Average Wage \$9.24. The observations of Rev. Herbert S. Johnson of Boston during two visits to Lawrence have prompted the minister to say: "If the figures shown to me by the mill owners are correct, the wages paid the operatives are correct, the average weekly wage is \$9.24 instead of \$6, and the mill owners are not able to raise the wages at the present time."

Made Insane by Lawrence Strike. Jersey City, N. J., Feb. 4.—After reading accounts of the textile strike at Lawrence, Mass., Edward Fortman, a middle aged jeweler and dentist, broke down in tears and said that the wages paid the operatives are correct, the average weekly wage is \$9.24 instead of \$6, and the mill owners are not able to raise the wages at the present time."

Section Foreman Kills Two Friends. North Adams, Mass., Feb. 4.—Sudden death, because of a heart ailment, Andrew Cullen, aged 42, section foreman of the force of Hoosac tunnel laborers, murdered John Bakerlin, aged 33, and Edward Williams, aged 33, members of his crew during the night, and later killed himself by shooting.

The shooting occurred at Bakerlin's home after the three had been drinking. Bakerlin, who was Bakerlin's close friend, came to the house late last night. He appeared to be suffering under the influence of liquor. Bakerlin was in bed, but Cullen persuaded him to get up, and later Williams came in and joined them.

Suddenly Cullen whipped out a .38-caliber revolver and said: "Go to bed, do some shooting." He pulled the trigger and a bullet hit Bakerlin, killing him instantly.

Williams fell fatally wounded with three bullets in his body. He died shortly after the arrival of the police. Meanwhile Cullen walked from the house to the tunnel and was found by the police later lying just inside the tunnel entrance, suffering from three bullet wounds. A special electric train rushed him to the North Adams hospital, where he died after making a statement denying that he had shot any one. The medical examiner declared that an autopsy was unnecessary.

EMPRESSDOWAGER AGREES TO REPUBLIC. Issues Edict to Premier Instructing Him to Establish One.

Peking, Feb. 4.—The empress dowager issued an edict this evening instructing Premier Yuan Shih Kai to establish a republic in co-operation with the southern republicans. The edict has not yet been published and it is expected that it will be kept more or less secret so far as the public is concerned until arrangements in the south have been completed.

Yuan Shih Kai is now endeavoring to persuade the Nanjing government to hand over the control of affairs to enable him to carry on the administration of the whole empire until the national convention appoints a permanent government and adopts a constitution. It is doubted here that the republicans in Nanjing will consent to this. It is believed that the only solution possible is the creation of two provisional governments and the continuance of temporary control.

Steamship Arrivals. At Southampton, Feb. 4. Philadelphia, from New York.

Expert at Windsor Looks Finds Evidence of Stealing as Far Back as 1879—No Trial Balances Ever Taken.

Windsor Locks, Conn., Feb. 4.—That A. W. Converse, treasurer of the Windsor Locks Savings bank from its inception in 1871 to 1911, who he resigned on account of age, had been stealing constantly from the bank since 1879, has been disclosed by an examination of the books which has been brought up to 1888. How the falsification will be cannot be determined until the time of his resignation, stating that he was the actual stealing and the interest which that money would have drawn, and which the bank has been paying, will amount to \$150,000 or more.

Trial Balance Never Taken. Attention to the bank, which is now in the hands of the state banking commission, was first brought to the attention of the commission when a bank examiner found that there had never been a trial balance of the books. When C. E. Cleveland, who succeeded Converse, took charge, no trial balance, other than a daily one, was taken, he stating that as the books had never been taken, and the daily balances provided he did not see any reason for making a change in the old order of things.

This state of affairs led to the securing of a restraining order by the court and the taking in charge of the bank by the banking commission on January 27.

Converse Accidentally Shot Himself. Not long prior to the discovery of the condition of the books, the state bank, Converse, who was postmaster, shot himself with a revolver which had been awarded him as the most popular man in town. At that time it was stated that the shooting was accidental and happened while cleaning his gun. After an investigation was started in the bank's affairs Converse's accounts as postmaster were examined and found to be correct in all particulars.

Expert Finds Defalcations. As soon as the restraining order was issued an expert was put on the books and a full audit of the books was made. Nothing was discovered out of the way in the books, with the exception perhaps of minor mistakes in bookkeeping until the accounts for the year 1879 were reached, and then signs of the stealing were manifest. The books of the time on the taking of small amounts of money were constant up to 1888, as far as the examination has been carried, and the irregularities were there is every sign that it continued in like manner from that time on.

Like Taking Candy from Child. As one of the commission stated to-night: "It was a continuous performance and was just like taking candy from children. Although the amounts taken in themselves were small, the aggregate will be large. As was stated tonight, Converse did not benefit in the mill amount of what will be shown missing from the books, as the sums he stole were interest all the time, which was being paid by the bank."

When it was definitely determined that there was a shortage an investigation of the life led by Converse was started, with the object of ascertaining what he did with the funds misappropriated, but up to the present time nothing has been ascertained except that he did not lose the money in stocks or high living. He was not accustomed to leave town, and his only trips outside of his home were to his yearly trips to Boston, where he made purchases for his father.

Pasbooks Sold at Big Discounts. Up to the present time about half the pasbooks of the bank have been turned in, and the others are expected to come in rapidly. The books of the bank has brought the greatest hardship on the small depositors, who mostly are employed in the local mills. The small ones are helping those who need assistance and looking after the welfare of their employees. Many pasbooks are alleged to have been sold for thirty cents to eighty cents on the dollar.

FACTORY BUILDINGS BURN AT PHILADELPHIA. Manufacturers of Millinery and Dress Trimmings Lose at \$200,000.

Philadelphia, Feb. 4.—Fire which was discovered shortly after 5 o'clock today destroyed three large factory buildings in the city. The Wood Vine, Eighth and Franklin streets, causing a loss of more than a million dollars. The principal loss was the Hensel-Colladay company, manufacturers of millinery and dress trimmings. This company occupied a six-story brick building extending from Wood to Vine street on Franklin, with a four-story annex at 111-113 Vine street. Both buildings were destroyed. Members of the firm estimate their loss at more than \$500,000, covered by insurance.

Spotted Fever at Bridgeport. Bridgeport, Conn., Feb. 4.—After a short illness, Mary Puscoe, 23 years old, died here today from spotted fever. The young woman was cared for in a vacant house opposite her home on Lexington avenue. The funeral will be private in accordance with orders of the board of health.

Suicide at Hartford Hotel. Hartford, Conn., Feb. 4.—John Souders, 29 years old, committed suicide at a local hotel today by shooting himself twice with a revolver. He left a note directing that a bankbook showing a deposit of \$25.30 be given to Maria Lofgren of 110 Wetherfield avenue. No cause is known for his act.

Meriden Church Cella Poisoned. Meriden, Feb. 4.—Rev. Dr. H. H. Thibault, pastor of the West Meriden church of St. Louis, was unanimously called to the pastorate of the First Baptist church of this city at a special church meeting this morning.